

CHAPTER 184.

An act to enforce the better drainage of certain lands in Lincoln and Gaston counties.

The General Assembly of North Carolina do enact :

Certain persons
owning lands on
Indian creek,
Lenard's Fork,
and Lick Fork
and tributaries,
required to clean
them out and
keep them clean.

SECTION 1. That William L. Crouse, Joseph Wallman, Willy Mullen, L. D. Black, Mrs. C. E. Brown, Isabella Manney, Barbra Neal, Sarah Blakely, Jerry Sullivan, Elizabeth Roberts, Oliver Hallman, George Hovis, Pinkney Pendleton, Sidney Pendleton, Lem Pendleton, Pink Rudisill, John Roberts, Caleb Reynolds, Joseph Black, Erastus Rudisill, Henry Kiser, A. N. Wise, Susan Baker, Noah Dellinger, Wm. H. Hoover, I. J. Hoover, W. T. Dellinger, L. W. Hoyle, P. W. Carpenter, Henry Sumner, G. W. Hefner, Alfred Black, Sr., A. Black, John Black, Sarah Quim, R. S. Simpson, David Beam, Peter Beam and Frank Beam, owning lands contiguous to and lying upon Indian Creek, Lenard's Fork, and Lick Fork, and the tributary branches of the same, be and the same are hereby required within ninety days after the ratification of this act, each at his or her own cost and expense, to clean out said streams and their tributaries to the bed of the same, so as to give fall for drainage of the adjacent lands to render the same fit for cultivation, and shall keep the same clean in like manner from year to year, and as often as the accidents of nature by storm or flood, or by any other artificial or other cause shall make the cleaning out necessary: *Provided*, that no land owner shall be required to clean out said streams or tributaries and keep the same cleaned out, only so far as said streams or tributaries shall be upon and next to his own land or lands: *And provided further*, that if any of the lands of any of the aforesaid parties shall by descent or purchase be transferred to any other person or persons, the person or persons so taking the same by descent or purchase shall be subject to the provisions of this act.

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